

# What your group should expect for their experience on the ropes course: (Service Agreement)

\*\*\*All participants must complete and sign a waiver in order to be allowed to participate. Waivers must be reviewed by Clark County Parks & Recreation staff a minimum of two weeks prior to your event. This will allow your participants time to retrieve a Doctor's release if there are any medical concerns listed that could be an issue while participating on the Challenge Course. All minor participants, under age 18, must have their parent or legal guardian complete and sign the waiver. Waivers can be faxed/e-mailed prior to event for review by staff but group leader must bring a signed form for each participant to the course on the day of your program.

#### The program

The program you will be participating in is a low and high initiative program. Initiatives are best defined as *activities that teach*. Many of the initiatives are designed so that participants must solve problems as they go. Staff will give instruction when needed, but have been trained to let the participants figure things out on their own as much as possible.

The day will be set up by explaining the rules and "Challenge by Choice." During this time, participants will gain the understanding that they are in full control with the level of challenge they will individually obtain and should not feel pressured into doing anything they are not comfortable with. There are various jobs that participants will have to assist with to help keep the group moving through the high course, so there really isn't an opportunity to fade into the background.

Low initiatives are on the ground or low to the ground and are used to develop teamwork, decision-making, problem solving, communication, and leadership skills. The high initiatives require climbing up to elements that are high off the ground. These initiatives are geared towards personal growth, goal setting, self-accomplishment, and self-confidence. Participants should come prepared to focus on these aspects.

On the high initiatives, participants are belayed by a facilitator on the ground, meaning the two are attached by a rope. When a participant has finished a high initiative, staff will slowly lower them to the ground. Everyone participating on the high course is required to wear climbing harnesses and helmets.

#### **Physical Activity**

The activities may require some bending, kneeling, and lifting. Participants should be in fair physical condition. All persons are encouraged to participate, and we will accommodate those with disabilities to the best of our abilities. Please notify Clark County Parks and Recreation staff in advance of any special needs.

## For your safety and the safety of all participants, these policies must be followed. What to wear (and what not to wear):

Please understand, you will not be allowed to participate if you do not follow the dress code.

- Clothing should be loose, comfortable, casual, durable and able to get dirty. Shorts must be kneelength; shirts must have sleeves and cover the midriff.
- Shoes should be flat heeled, comfortable and suitable for running and jumping.
- Shoelaces must be tied and double knotted.
- No slip-on shoes or sandals allowed.
- All jewelry will need to be removed prior to conducting high initiatives. This includes watches, bracelets, necklaces, rings, earrings, and face and body jewelry.
- Eyeglass wearers should take the necessary precautions to insure their glasses do not fall by removing the glasses or wearing a restraining strap.
- Participants should wear sunscreen and a brimmed hat for sun protection.
- Participants should bring a jacket or long sleeve shirt, as necessary, based on the possibility of inclement weather.

#### What to bring:

- Each participant needs to bring their own water bottle, sunscreen, and brimmed hat.
- Because of the choking hazard, gum and candy are only allowed during break times.

#### What you agree to:

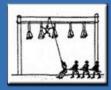
- No horseplay will be tolerated. Safety is our number one concern.
- For health consideration of others and fire control concerns, no smoking is allowed on the premises at any time.
- Participants must abide by all policies regarding the use of the premises and follow all instructions of the Ropes Course Staff.
- All participants must have an original waiver/medical release form on file two weeks prior to event
  with parent/guardian signature if participant is under 18 years of age. Originals may be brought up
  day of event.
- Ropes course boundaries ropes course users only have access to bathhouse, use of other areas
  will require prior approval from camp manager. All participants must stay on roadways and
  pathways only. The Camp Lee Canyon Facility is on Forestry Service Land and has various plants
  and flowers that grow nowhere else in the world. Because of this, the Forestry Service and Camp
  Lee Staff would like to preserve the natural surroundings.
- A reservation is not confirmed until full payment has been received by Clark County Parks &
- Recreation.
- Any unsafe practice will constitute immediate termination of the program.
- Youth groups must have adult supervision of at all times. Staff facilitating will be focused on
  participant safety and will not be able to supervise the group on the ground. Adult supervision
  includes keeping the group together in their smaller activity groups, assisting with guiding the group
  to a new activity, etc.
- At check-out time, the camp manager, or his designee, will conduct an inspection of the facilities that were used to ensure that the camp is clean and left in an acceptable condition. All unsatisfactory conditions will be brought to the attention of the user group's director. Following their program, the user group will be billed for any items found to be in need of replacement or repair by Clark County Department of Parks & Recreation as a result of your group's use.

- Absolutely no pets are allowed on the premises by any facility users.
- Camp staff is generally on duty from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and facility users are asked to communicate any problems to staff during these hours. However, in the case of an emergency, staff is on-call 24 hours a day for assistance.
- Vehicles are not allowed to drive through camp. The only exception is for loading and unloading supplies and equipment. At all other times vehicles should be parked in designated camp parking areas.
- The area below the basketball court is a designated staff area only. Walking through is permitted, but please respect the privacy of resident camp staff.
- Your safety is our concern, with this in mind, please stay away from propane tanks, county vehicles
  and equipment. In addition, please do not climb or play behind the cabins. Please note that these
  are important safety precautions.
- The bell located in front on the dining hall is used to summon campers and for emergencies. Please note that continuous ringing signals emergency to other mountain agencies. The misuse of the emergency signal will result in immediate loss of user privileges.
- Rodents at Camp Lee Canyon may carry diseases including the Hantavirus. An active rodent control program is underway to reduce any possibility of exposure. No food including cans and soda is allowed in camper cabins or other resident areas at any time. Campers must avoid all contact with the traps that have been set to control the rodent population in and around the buildings and camp. If you notice a trapped rodent or other rodent activity, such as droppings, please notify staff immediately so that appropriate measures and disinfection of the area can take place.
- The carrying, possessing or discharging of any firearms, firecrackers, rockets, torpedoes, or other fireworks, air guns, sling shots, boomerangs, or martial arts paraphernalia within any county facility or park without written approval from the director of parks or his/her designee is prohibited.
- No smoking is allowed in any public facilities, per NRS statue 202.2491. For safety purposes smoking outdoors at camp lee canyon is limited to the smoking area adjacent to the dining hall kitchen.
- It is the group leader's responsibility to make sure that all of the group's participants are aware of the ropes course rules and expectations.

Failure to adhere to the above "requirements and conditions" may result in loss of user privileges, and the denial of future reservation requests. Remember, Clark County Parks and Recreation and all Camp Lee Canyon users are guests of the United States Forest Service. Please help preserve the mountain's beautiful environment so that future users may enjoy the privilege of experiencing its beauty as well.

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facility user signature	Clark County representative

## CHALLENGE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



**ISLANDS**: A series of various sized platforms or islands hanging from a cable between two utility poles.

TASK: The participant to traverse from "island" to "island" to get from one utility pole to the other.

**CLIMBING WALL**: A vertical wall with randomly spaced foot and hand holds. A separate belay cable is suspended above the top platform.

TASK: To climb the wall using the available for and hand tools.

**VINES**: The Vines involves a single, tensioned foot cable with a series of ropes suspended from an overhead cable, positioned just beyond the average person's reach.

TASK: To walk across the foot cable using various support ropes (vines) for aid.



**CAT WALK:** A horizontally positioned log or pole suspended between two poles. The belay cable is positioned above the log, parallel to the ground, and at a height of nine to ten feet above the log.

TASK: To traverse the log with no hand support.



**LEAP OF FAITH** - This element involves climbing to a pole and jumping/ diving out. A separate belay cable is suspended above a participants cable. The belay rope runs through a shear reduction device affixed to the belay cable and down to the just right decender.

**PIPE DREAMS:** A two person activity comprised of a lower and upper cable with pipes placed vertically between the two cables. The element is stretched between two utility poles.

Two people standing on the lower cable may use only the pipes and each other to traverse the element from pole to pole. Partipants may not use the upper cable to aid in accomplish their task.

**GIANT SWING:** A swing in which the participant is suspended between two cables which act like the ropes to a swing.

TASK: For a group to pull the participant up in the air where the participant can pull a release and begin swinging back and forth suspended from the two side cables which are both attached to a seat and chest harness with a carabineer.

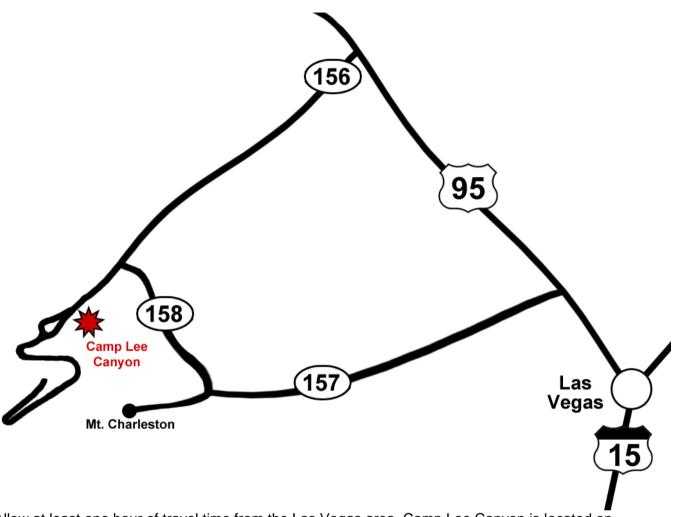




**HIGH "V":** Two cables are suspended between the three poles in a V-formation with the apex of the V at the "access" pole. An overhead belay cable runs parallel to the ground and out of the participant's reach. TASK: For a pair of climbers to traverse the cables as far as possible using only each other for support. This is the high-course version of the traditional team challenge course Wild Woozy.

### **Directions to Camp Lee Canyon**

Camp Phone: (702) 872-5489



Allow at least one hour of travel time from the Las Vegas area. Camp Lee Canyon is located on Lee Canyon Rd., about 45 miles northwest of Las Vegas at an elevation of over 8,000 feet. There are no gas stations or convenience stores on Mt. Charleston, so it is best to fill up before driving up the mountain. In the summer months, it is also a good idea to bring drinking water as a travel precaution. There is no cellular phone service in the camp area.

To get to Camp Lee Canyon, travel north along US 95 about 30 miles from Las Vegas. You will pass the turn off for Mt Charleston! Kyle Canyon (Route 157). Keep going on US 95. Turn west (left) at the Lee Canyon turn off (Lee Canyon Rd.) Stay on Lee Canyon Rd. for approximately 15 miles. On this road you will be climbing in elevation from 3,000 feet to 8,000 feet. (This part of the drive can cause overheating in older cars, so watch your temperature gauge. Turning off your air conditioner may help lower your engine temperature.)

As you travel up Lee Canyon Rd, you will pass the turn off you Route 158 and you will also pass the road for Camp Foxtail and the meadow play area. Stay on Camp Lee Rd .. Once you have passed those landmarks - you're almost there! The entrance to Camp Lee Canyon is on the left side of the road. The camp is set back off the road but is marked by signage. Turn left into the camp, just before the McWilliams campground and the Lee Canyon ski area.

## This check list is for your use. We do not need this page from you!

Prior to Your Ropes Course Event:	
	SERVICE AGREEMENT –Signed & sent back
	PAYMENT –Payment complete
	PLANNING PACKET –Read through
	WAIVERS -Handed out to participants and sent in two weeks prior for review
	SPECIAL NEEDS -Notify staff of any special needs from individuals
Day of Your Ropes Course Event:	
	Signed Consent Forms –in hand
	Sweaters/Jackets –each participant to bring their own
	Water Bottles -each participant to bring their own
	Sun Screen –each participant to bring their own
	Reviewed Rules –group leader made all participants aware of information on Service Agreement
	Driving Directions